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SCHOOL REPORT.

TO THE CITIZENS OF JAFFREY: The Superintendent of Public Schools would respectfully submit the following report for the year ending March 31, 1879:

Owing to the vote of the town last March, endeavoring to limit the expense of superintending the schools at \$50.00, the Committee has felt restricted and unable to do justice to all the interests of education under his care. It is our duty to obey orders, and while the letter of this vote could not be complied with, its spirit was felt as binding. It could only be construed in one of two ways: either that the people were indifferent to the proper care of their schools and educational interests, or that they desired to avoid expense—even at the sacrifice of these important interests. Accepting the first horn of the dilemma as our guide, considering that if there had been an earnest interest in the welfare of the schools, and what pertained thereto, no such vote could have been passed by a people having an adequate knowledge of the present needs of the schools, yet feeling that the spirit of the vote must be followed, the endeavor was made to limit the time consumed in each visit to save expense, which necessitated a limited knowledge of the real progress and needs of the schools, and a meagre annual report in details. There is much which might be done for the advancement of the educational interests of the town outside of visiting schools, requiring time, labor, and study, involving some expense, for which, however, there would be in time an ample return. This we have felt it our duty to avoid largely, to save expense. A broad and liberal policy in regard to education cannot be pursued unless generous provision is made for the necessary expenses.

Eighty-five visits have been made to the different schools during the year, from which we have endeavored to gain as thorough a knowledge as possible, under the circumstances, of the condition of the schools. There has been a few instances where, for a part of the term the success of the school seemed doubtful, but the examinations have proved that on the whole the term then closing had produced some good results to overbalance any deficiency. Thus the year has been one of general progress in all the schools.

TEACHERS.

The Prudential Committees have been judicious in nearly all their selections of teachers, and the schools were consequently successful. The teachers have all worked hard, none have appeared indifferent to their important duties. If some have failed in any particular respect, it was due either to a want of tact, or lack of previous experience under similar circumstances to enable them to readily adapt themselves to the new position, in which they were placed. The teachers deserve commendation for faithful and earnest efforts.

ATTENDANCE.

The attendance of the scholars has been very good, and as this is a most important item upon which the complete success of the school largely depends, we have appended to our report the Roll of Honor, embracing the names of all scholars who have not been absent one-half day during a term. It will be seen by reference to the roll that quite a number have not been absent during the year. The winter terms were somewhat broken up by sickness.

TEXT BOOKS.

The evils arising from a multiplicity of text books, which were referred to in our last annual report, still exist, seriously affecting the schools, lessening the efficiency of even the best teachers. One more step has been taken this year toward removing the evils by introducing White's Arithmetics in place of

Greenleaf's. We have now two books uniform throughout all the schools—the Franklin Readers and White's Arithmetics. The Greenleaf Arithmetics embraced a series of four books, with many editions of each. We found in the schools eleven different editions of Greenleaf's Primary, sixteen editions of the Intellectual, several editions of the Common School, the same of the National, and a few of the New Practical, besides a few each of Emerson's, Eaton's, Colburn's, and French's Arithmetics. The White series has but three books, and embraces the latest methods of mathematical instruction. These books, which at first were not favorably received, have grown in favor as teachers and scholars become familiar with them, and the change has been very profitable to the schools. The Franklin Readers have been found, after a second year's trial, excellent text books.

The Geographies, U. S. Histories and Grammars need to be made uniform, and we recommend the exchange of all old books on these subjects, taking one series of books each year, till the work is complete. The first mentioned need a change the most, being badly mixed up. In one school we found six editions of the large Geography, and four editions of the Primary, the different editions varying greatly, necessitating some change. Warren's new series of 1879, is an improvement on the previous editions; Harper's Geographies, recommended for adoption last year, have some valuable features which are not equalled by any other series which we have examined. During the past year we have examined Monteith's Geography, a new book, which in some respects excels either of the other two series. We would recommend these three to the attention of the Committee who succeeds us. Some of the U. S. Histories in use cover only the period previous to the Rebellion. The Grammars could profitably be made uniform by introducing an entirely new text book on this subject, or the new edition of Swinton's. When uniformity is secured in all the different text books used in town, our schools will be more effective than now. During the past year a set of White's Arithmetics has been provided for each teacher's desk, without expense to the town. Each district should have a full set of all text books used in the school room, for the teacher's desk. In three districts the school rooms have been furnished with a set of writing tablets, illustrating the principles of this important study.

CHANGE OF DISTRICT LINES.

If the town could be so districted as to provide conveniently for all the scholars with a less number of schools, such a change would be very desirable. We have given the subject considerable thought, carefully studying the present location of the districts, and are of the opinion that no such change can now be made, which would not in all probability require modifying again in a year or two, thus involving considerable expense in building or moving school houses, which may as well be used in sustaining the present districts until a permanent change can be satisfactorily made. A temporary union of Nos. 9, 10 and 13, might be profitable to these three districts. The estate of Mr. Charles Bacon, and that of Mr. Emory adjoining, should be set off from District No. 1 to District No. 2.

There is a serious defect in some of the small districts in the limited amount of schooling provided for the scholars. Having but a few weeks' schooling in the year, the scholars forget in the long vacation much of what they have learned, and the next year must take a large portion of the time for review. As to the expense of lengthening these schools, it should be considered that it is more profitable to educate the child at almost any price, than to take care of the ignorant and consequently more or less helpless man. To remedy the defect, we suggest that the school money be divided equally among the different *schools* in town. Counting Dist. No. 2, two schools; Nos. 9 and 10, as kept this year, one school; making thirteen different schools in all. The amount of money appropriated this last year would give each school \$148.54, and to Dist. No. 2, for its two schools, \$297.08. If the amount is too small for any district, increase the whole appropriation and divide as suggested.

This would enable the small districts to hire better teachers, and have better and longer schools without detriment to the large districts. If any money remained over of the amount assigned to any school at the beginning of the new year, add it to the whole amount appropriated, and divide as before. With the Conant High School, providing ample accommodation for the advanced studies, there is less need of a higher grade of teachers in the large schools than in the small than formerly. All the schools need good teachers, the best they can secure. The extra

expense of a first class teacher in place of an inefficient teacher is made good in the profitable results secured. The expense per scholar in a small district cannot justly be singled out as an argument against ample and thorough instruction in such district. The town should be considered as a whole, and there should be guaranteed to each scholar equal schooling with others for whom the town provides, whether he be in a school of three or forty scholars. The school expenses in Jaffrey are comparatively light. In 1877 it was only \$6.62 per scholar, while in eleven other towns in the county this expense was exceeded. In Dublin it was \$10.25; in Keene, \$11.11; in the State of Massachusetts it averaged \$18.87; in Springfield it was \$30.39, and in Boston, \$31.40 per scholar. Money used in educating the children of the town is money invested for permanent improvement and future prosperity; therefore, a generous expenditure in this direction is a profitable investment. An economy which limits the facilities for education, deprives the roots of the tree of nourishment, and consequently diminishes the harvest. The objections which some in a large district raise against expense for schooling in the small district will hold good in any district for those who have no children and are taxed to help educate the children of others. If we would reap generously we must sow generously.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee—HENRY F. MORSE.

Teacher—Summer and Winter Terms—Mary A. Sawyer. This school enjoyed a year of steady progress, showing the advantage of retaining a worthy teacher for successive years as well as terms. Faithful work on the part of teacher and scholars was evident at the examination. A set of writing charts has been added to the furnishings of the school room the past year, which may be made of great profit to the scholars in the study and practice of writing.

The Winter Term was partially broken up by sickness in the district, but the Roll of Honor is a credit to the school. The teacher could be still more efficient in her work if aided by a set of wall maps, globe, and the latest edition of Webster's unabridged dictionary, which should be the property of the district to be kept in the school room.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee—CHARLES CUTTER.

Two schools of three terms each. Primary Department—teacher for the year—Miss Sarah E. Robbins. The division of terms here this year was very fortunate, giving the scholars of each department three terms each, without mixing the two schools in the winter, as heretofore. In the Primary school most of the small scholars have availed themselves of the privileges of the three terms. In the Winter Term the number of absences was quite large, owing to sickness among the children; but the year was one of profitable work, in which the teacher added new laurels to her previous excellent record. In the Spring term fifteen scholars were not absent; in the Fall term, twenty-four; in the Winter term, eleven. The Roll of Honor is worthy of attention by the parents.

Grammar Department—teacher for the year—Miss Emma J. Chase. The great need of this school was a disciplinarian. Many teachers might be found able to instruct, but not capable of governing this school. Miss Chase was competent to do both; she was the right teacher in the right place. The result was three successful terms of school. The beginning of the first term was partially lost, as is usually the case when a new teacher takes charge of a school,—in teacher and scholar becoming accustomed to each other's methods. The school is now in good working order, and we would recommend the retaining of the same teacher another year. It is rarely that scholars learn more rapidly than some have learned in this school this year. We have heard from several parents expressions of great satisfaction at the progress which their children have made under Miss Chase's instruction. Eleven scholars were not absent during the Summer term; ten during the Fall term, and seven during the Winter term. Sickness among the scholars affected the Winter term. The school rooms in this district were newly painted this year, and other improvements made.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee—CHARLES S. CHAMBERLAIN.

Summer Term. Teacher—Abbie M. Chamberlain. Miss Chamberlain has taught this school before. She is a live teacher,

and the progress of the school under her instruction bore evidence of faithful work. The examination was satisfactory. Eight scholars were not absent.

Winter Term. Teacher—George B. Underwood. This was Mr. Underwood's second winter in this school. His success as a teacher the previous year drew many scholars from the neighboring districts, making a large school. The term was an exceedingly profitable one in every respect, and Mr. Underwood has won a position among our best teachers. Ten scholars were not absent. This very pleasant school room is yet in need of maps, a globe and dictionary.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Prudential Committee—ADDISON J. ADAMS.

Summer Term. Teacher—S. Emma Adams. This was Miss Adams' first experience as a teacher, and she was very successful. Being thoroughly alive she inspired the scholars with animation. Special attention was given to the study and practice of reading with very beneficial results. The examination revealed thorough work.

Winter Term. Teacher—Harriet N. Haradon. Miss Haradon is a teacher of considerable experience, and under her direction this term, in which there were several large scholars in attendance, was one of quiet steady work, revealing at the examination the fruits of faithful labor. This school house, pleasantly located and pleasant within, could be made still more attractive to the pupil and more profitable as a place of instruction, if the the teacher's efforts were supplemented by a good set of wall maps, a globe and dictionary.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Prudential Committee—ASA KINGSBURY.

Summer Term. Teacher—Lillie J. Adams. The teacher who successfully taught here the previous year being retained, this term was one of steady, faithful progress, and the school sustained its previous good record.

Fall Term. Teacher—S. Emma Adams. The teacher of the previous term having accepted an invitation to take charge of the school in No. 7, a teacher new to this school was placed in charge.

The first of the term, owing to the change, was not wholly successful, chiefly owing to the scholars. But the last part of the term the scholars were again earnestly engaged in study, and the term closed with a satisfactory examination. Few realize the difficulty attending the efforts of a teacher succeeding another, who has been a special favorite with the school. The teacher of the Winter term was called to a hard position, but filled it with good success.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Prudential Committee—E. H. BAILEY.

Summer Term. Teacher—Harriet N. Haradon. This teacher taught here the previous year, and this term was but a continuation of the previous profitable work, and the close of the term showed most favorable results.

Winter Term. Teacher—Ada E. Chamberlain. Miss Chamberlain had taught this school before, and in her usual quiet methods led the scholars through ten weeks of faithful study, the examination showing thorough results. This school house sadly needs rebuilding and refurnishing, with the addition of the necessary aids for the teacher referred to in connection with the previous schools.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Prudential Committee—JAMES BROWN.

Summer Term. Teacher—Ada E. Chamberlain. Miss Chamberlain did not appear to meet with her usual success this term. The examination showed evident signs of hard work on the part of the teacher, and we could trace marks of considerable progress. Thus while the school was apparently deficient in some respects, its record in other regards made it on the whole a fair school, profitable we think to the pupils.

Winter Term. Teacher—Lillie J. Adams. Miss Adams evidently found it more of a task to govern and instruct this school with its twenty-seven scholars than the one of thirteen scholars, under her charge in the summer. With her characteristic courage she entered heartily into the work, and the result, so far as we were able to judge, was a very successful term of school. The examination, which, owing to our absence from

town when the school closed, we were obliged to have the week previous, was very creditable to scholars and teacher. The change in Arithmetics was of special advantage to this school in reducing the number of classes in this study. The school room has received some repairs this year, which give it a more cheerful appearance. A set of writing charts have been added to the facilities for instruction. A set of White's Complete Arithmetics have been provided for the teacher's desk, but there is still need of a globe, a new unabridged dictionary of the latest edition, and if the few ancient maps belonging to the school room could be replaced by a new set, corrected up to the present time, it would be a profitable improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Prudential Committee—OLIVER BACON.

Teacher—Summer and Winter Terms—Fannie M. Aldrich. Both terms gave evidence of careful and thorough instruction. The closing examination of the winter term happened when the inclement weather kept all but two scholars from attending. These two passed an examination which was an honor to the school. The aids for the teacher, referred to as needed in other schools, are also needed here.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Prudential Committee—

Three Terms. Teacher—Julia M. Buckminster. Miss Buckminster was well qualified for the position. In a firm, but pleasant manner, she led her pupils along the path of instruction, with excellent success. Each examination revealed a proficiency in the work of the school highly commendable to scholars and teacher. Some improvements have been made in and about the school house, which are evidently well appreciated. There is still need of more inside. New wall maps, a globe and dictionary for teacher's desk, are among the very essential aids that help to make a school thorough in study.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

United with Dist. No. 9, this year as last.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Prudential Committee—J. H. POOLE.

Summer Term. Teacher—Mary E. Phelps. A small school of three scholars, well conducted. With hardly scholars enough to test her abilities, she proved a faithful teacher, and the close of the term gave evidence of thorough and successful work. This was Miss Phelps' first experience as teacher.

Winter Term. Teacher—Lizzie S. Poole. There were six scholars this term. Under the instruction of this faithful teacher, the term was one of steady and excellent work, and closed with a very commendable examination. Improvements suggested for other school rooms could be very profitably made in this.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Prudential Committee—J. W. FASSETT.

There was only one term in this district. Teacher—Nellie S. Chase. While the whole number of scholars was six, the attendance was variable, rendering it difficult for any teacher to make any permanent progress. There is so little schooling in this district that the scholars forget much of what they learn one term before the next. One scholar was not absent during the term, and at the examination showed that he had made faithful efforts and attained good practical results. The teacher evidently worked faithfully and deserves much credit. This was her first experience as a teacher, and under very discouraging circumstances she did well. A policy which so unfortunately limits the schooling in a small district is disastrous to the best interests of the town. This school room has received a map of the world, and also one of the United States, this year. A globe and dictionary are needed in this otherwise well furnished school room.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Prudential Committee—B. F. PRESCOTT.

Summer Term. Teacher—M. Ada Prescott. This was Miss Prescott's second term in this school as teacher, and she sustained her previous good record. It was a quiet, pleasant, profitable school. There was a live interest on the part of scholars and teacher in the studies, and the examination exhibited marked evidence of progress.

Winter Term. Teacher—George Hall. Mr. Hall brought to his work a love of study and a determination to rise as a student. He was not bound to a mechanical use of the text book, and by practical illustrations helped the scholars to a comprehensive knowledge of the studies pursued. The pupils were consequently interested in their lessons, and the term was a successful one. The only expressions of regret we have heard from parents or scholars were that the term was so short. If Mr. Hall's future efforts are as successful as his labors in this school, he will soon rank among the best teachers. This school room needs maps, globe and dictionary.

ROLL OF HONOR.

DISTRICT NO. I.

Scholars not absent or tardy during the year:

Anna S. Annett,	Ashael S. Annett,	Fred S. Morse.
Hattie E. Wright,	Willie W. Fairbanks,	

For one Term:

Etta E. Morse,	Ollie H. Morse,	Bennie G. Wilson,
Sarah E. Annett,	Bertie A. Robertson,	Artie S. Annett,
Lillian Morse,	Fred Stratton,	Irving E. Morse,
Flora M. Lovejoy,	Albert I. Annett,	Lester S. Robertson,
Emma J. Sawyer,	Fred H. Davis,	Fred L. Sawyer.
Wallace Benjamin,	Clifton A. Sawyer,	

DISTRICT NO. II.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Not absent or tardy for the year:

Napoleon Semoneau,	Willis Gardner,	Mary Bartlett,
Joseph Semoneau,	Clarence Gardner,	George Foster.
	Lucinda Foster,	

For two terms:

George Towne,	Ned Lacy,	Nora Coburn,
Mark Shedd,	Maggie Carey,	Mary LeClaire.
Homer White,	Carrie Cutter,	

For one Term:

Leon Foster,	Willie E. Prescott,	Lily Bell Little,
Roscoe Howe,	Mark Gardner,	Nola Towne,
Martin Mitchell,,	Charles Emery,	Cora M. Bruce,
Jimmie Mitchell,	Willie Adams,	Carrie Buckwold.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

For the year:

Jennie Fairbanks,	Etta Sawyer,	Ella Sawyer.
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For two Terms:

Harry Kidder,

Mary Kittridge,
Nellie Stebbins,

Agnes Stiles.

For one Term:

Fred Hunt,
Etta Chapman,
Mabel Heywood,
Susie Lacy,Mabel Prescott,
Gertie Emery,
Mary Armstrong,
Martha Emory,Alice Cutter,
Susie Turner,
Nellie Bascom.

DISTRICT NO. III.

Not absent during the year:

Julia E. Towne,

Mary E. Sawtelle,
Abbie Underwood,

Mary A. Smith.

For one Term:

Etta H. Smith,
Ellen J. Heath,
Alice M. Heath,Lucian W. Heath,
Bertie C. Sawtelle,
Michael Healy,
Charles E. Goff,Henry H. Sawtelle.
Willie N. Sawyer,
Willie D. Hubbard.

DISTRICT NO. IV.

Not absent during the year:

Carrie M. Spaulding.

For one Term:

Howard Wright,

Carrie P. Butler.

DISTRICT NO. V.

Not absent during the year:

Leon A. Spaulding,

Eva J. Willoughby.

For one Term:

Minnie J. Spaulding,

L. Idella Field,
Sarah A. Merriam,

Louisa A. Merriam.

DISTRICT NO. VI.

Not absent during the year:

Carrie Bailey.

For one Term:

Alice P. Adams,
Carrie P. Butler,
Mary A. McCarthy,Katie F. McCartie,
Annie Bailey,
Lucy Downs,Allie B. Davis,
Henry Bailey,
George McCarthy.

DISTRICT NO. VII.

Not absent during the year:

Eddie Baldwin,

Allie Baldwin,

Ernest Jewell.

For one Term:

Winnie Gilmore,
Lizzie Potter,Allen Chamberlain,
Carl Baldwin,
Willie Dunbar,Willie Phelps,
Daniel Donnelly.

DISTRICT NO. VIII.

Not absent during the year:

Jean L. Pierce,	Mattie M. Lehnert.
Ernest Raymond,	Hugo E. Lehnert.

DISTRICT NO. IX.

Not absent for one Term:

Mary L. Donovan,	Eva C. Hodge,	Charles A. Pierce.
	Archie G. Garfield,	

DISTRICT NO. XI.

Not absent during the year:

Arthur E. Poole.

For one Term:

Julia M. Cutter,	Willie S. Phelps,	Almon A. Baldwin.
	Albert A. Marshall,	

DISTRICT NO. XII.

Not absent for the year:

Henry J. Fassett.

DISTRICT NO. XIII.

Not absent during the year:

Carrie Prescott,	Helen Prescott.
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For one Term:

Annie F. Crowe,	Frank Crowe,	Henry M. Prescott.
Mary L. Crowe,	Fred A. Prescott,	

In retiring permanently from the position of Superintendent, we would tender our thanks to the Prudential Committees and Teachers who have contributed their aid in helping to make our schools successful and profitable to the town.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES H. LITTLE,

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

East Jaffrey, N. H., Feb. 28, 1879,

STATISTICAL REPORT OF SCHOOLS.

SUMMER TERM.

Districts.		NAMES OF TEACHERS.														
1	Mary A. Sawyer.....	\$23 00	9 24	13 11	22 17	1	121	2	5	3	2	3	1 30	Apr. 29.	July 1.	
*2	Sarah E. Robbins.....	30 00	8 39	21 18	35 15	1	35	1	4	3	2	3	2 18	May 6.	June 28.	
\$2	Emma J. Chase.....	30 00	8 36	10 26	33 11		10	1	2	4	1	3	1 18	Apr. 29.	June 29.	
3	Abbie M. Chamberlain.....	20 00	9 11	4 7	10 8	1	8	1	2			3	1 26	May 6.	July 3.	
4	S. Emma Adams.....	18 00	9 9	3 6	7 4	1	1	2	7			3	1 32	Apr. 29.	July 3.	
5	Lillie J. Adams.....	20 00	10 13	5 8	12 2		1	10				2	1 9	May 6.	July 10.	
6	Harriet N. Haradon.....	21 00	10 13	4 9	12 6		1	12				3	2 31	May 29.	July 6.	
7	Ada E. Chamberlain.....	24 00	10 24	13 11	23 6		23					3	17	Apr. 22.	June 28.	
8	Fanny M. Aldrich.....	20 00	10 8	5 3	7 4	1	8		4			2	18	Apr. 29.	June 27.	
9	Julia M. Buckminster.....	22 00	9 9	7 2	7 1	1	9					3	1 15	May 6.	June 27.	
11	Mary E. Phelps.....	16 00	8 3	3 1	3 3	1	3					3	6	Aug. 26.	Nov. 26.	
12	Nellie S. Chase.....	24 00	14 6	3 3	2 1	4	7					2	13	May 6.	June 29.	
13	Ada Prescott.....	16 00	8 7	1 6	6 3											
		Wages per month including board.														
		Number of weeks.														
		Number of scholars.														
		Boys.														
		Girls.														
		Average attendance.														
		Not absent one-half day.														
		From other districts.														
		Under 5 years of age.														
		Between 5 and 15.														
		Over 15.														
		Drawing.														
		Algebra.														
		Book-Keeping.														
		Physiology.														
		Visits by Superintendent of Schools														
		Visits by Prudential Committee.														
		Visits by citizens and others.														
		School Commenced.														
		School Closed.														

*Primary. §Grammar.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CONANT SCHOOL FUND.

Balance on hand, as per last report,	\$293 37
Received of Ex'r of John Conant's will,	571 73
Received of Town Treasurer from Literary Fund for investment,	28 27
Received of Town Treasurer from Literary Fund for school expenses,	40 61
Interest on \$7700, N. H. State Bonds,	462 00
Interest on \$600, Town of Jaffrey Bonds,	18 00
Received for tuition,	6 50
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	\$1420 48

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Wm. H. Gardiner,	\$150 00
Board of W. H. Gardiner,	49 50
F. W. Gregg,	258 18
Board of F. W. Gregg,	89 00
Carrie E. Bigelow, including board,	157 50
Two Town of Jaffrey Bonds,	600 00
Care of school rooms,	24 27
Wood and fitting same,	36 25
Incidentals,	8 42
Printing circulars,	7 00
Teachers assistants, winter term,	20 00
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	\$1400 12
Balance, cash on hand,	20 36
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	\$1420 48

GEO. A. UNDERWOOD, }
 J. T. BIGELOW, } Trustees.
 R. H. KITTREDGE, }

Jaffrey, Feb. 15, 1879.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CONANT INDIGENT FUND.

Balance, cash on hand as per last report,	\$69 54
Received interest on Cheshire Railroad Bond,	60 00
Received interest on Cambridge City Bond,	60 00
Dividend due on C. R. R. Stock,	16 00
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	\$205 54

ASSISTANCE RENDERED DURING THE YEAR.

Mary A. Robertson,	\$ 6 00	
Mary A. Chisholm,	10 00	
Ira Rice,	11 00	
Mrs. J. Priest,	1 00	
Samuel Marble,	65 91	
Cynthia Perry,	34 18	
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Amount expended,	\$128 09	
Balance, cash on hand, add C. R. R. Div.,	77 45	
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		\$205 54

FRANKLIN H. CUTTER,	} Trustees.
NANCY H. CUTTER,	
E. EMELINE RAND,	

Jaffrey, Feb. 20, 1879.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

DR.	
To cash received of county,	\$312 93
To cash received of town treasurer,	405 00— \$717 93

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By cash paid N. W. Mower, for board of Enos Mower one year,	130 00
Clothes and medicine for Enos Mower,	7 55
Support of J. A. Page from Feb. 1, 1878, to Jan. 1, 1879,	106 40
Geo. F. Gilmore for board of Sally Hemmingway from Jan. 1, 1878, to Jan. 1, 1879,	156 00
Mower & Allen, coffin for Cynthia Perry,	10 00
B. F. Lawrence, burial of Cynthia Perry,	4 00

COUNTY PAUPERS AND TRANSIENTS.

Cash paid C. H. Powers, goods furnished Harvey Kidder,	88 93
Mower & Allen, coffin and burial of Harvey Kidder,	10 00
Mrs. Verder, care of Harvey Kidder,	10 00
C. H. Powers, goods furnished Jennie Lancy,	31 44
Oren Prescott, house rent for John S. Whitney,	31 50
W. L. Goodnow & Co., goods furnished John S. Whitney,	23 31
Coburn & Robbins, meat furnished John S. Whitney,	4 55
McClair family's fare to Hampton, Conn.,	10 00
H. B. Wheeler, board of Mary Foss and taking to Depot,	4 50
Mary Foss' fare to Burrageville, Mass.,	33
Joseph Thayer, board of George Haggett,	3 00
Joseph Thayer, for taking George Haggett to Boston,	7 00
Mary Lovell's fare to Winchendon,	45
W. L. Goodnow & Co., goods furnished Joseph Tatro,	2 00
O. H. Bradley, medical attendance of Joseph Tatro,	1 00
Mower & Allen, coffin for Lasua,	7 00
Car fare in taking Ephraim Lincoln to County alms house,	5 10
Vashti Parker, board of E. Lincoln,	2 50
Fare to Keene to collect pauper accounts,	5 20
Overseer, taking affidavits, feeding and care of 97 tramps,	37 90
Overseer's personal services,	17 75
Cash on hand,	52— \$717 93
Due from the County,	\$15 53

FRANKLIN H. CUTTER, Overseer of the Poor.

Jaffrey, Feb. 20, 1879.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of the town of Jaffrey respectfully submit the following report of the financial affairs of the town, for the year ending March 1, 1879:

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Henry A. Turner, services as selectman, from Jan. 1 to March 12, 1878,	\$20 50
Clarence S. Bailey, selectman, from Jan. 1, 1878, to Jan. 1, 1879, 39 days,	78 00
John A. Cutter, selectman, from Jan. 1, 1878, to Jan. 1, 1879, 36 1-2 days,	72 60
Oscar H. Bradley, selectman, from March 13, 1878, to Jan. 1, 1879, 35 1-2 days,	71 00
Joseph P. Frost, town clerk, 1878,	10 00
Auditors, 1878,	4 00
James H. Little, superintending school committee for year ending March 1, 1879,	84 14
Wm. H. Dowden, for extra services as superintending school committee from March 1 to May 1, 1877,	12 50
Charles H. Powers, collector and treasurer for year ending March 1, 1879,	75 00— \$427 74

BREAKING ROADS, WINTER, 1877-8.

Paid Lucius A. Cutter,	\$ 9 60
Charles Cutter,	29 87
Addison J. Adams,	17 14
Jonathan Page,	7 12
Austin O. Adams,	11 94
Levi P. Town,	31 72
Jonas M. M. Lacy,	20 25
Frederic Spaulding,	17 15
William L. Frost,	8 37
Joel H. Poole,	12 76
Solomon Garfield,	13 36
Benjamin F. Prescott,	10 65
James T. Brown,	14 70
George L. Farrar,	26 18
William Upton,	18 99
Frederick J. Lawrence,	10 05
Daniel P. Adams,	26 63
Alfred Sawyer,	4 52
Cummings Sawyer,	22 31
Michael D. Fitzgerald,	3 75
Clarence S. Bailey,	32 50
Leonard E. Spaulding,	14 63

Henry M. Stearns,	10	90	
Joseph W. Fassett,	41	06	
Albert W. Hodge,	14	47	
Phillip Peak,	21	70—	\$452 32

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Dist. No. 1—Daniel A. Field,	\$27	00	
2—Addison J. Adams,	26	44	
3—Jonathan Page,	10	05	
4—Frederic Spaulding,	20	06	
5—Albert W. Hodge,	20	95	
6—Charles S. Chamberlain,	22	10	
7—Cornelius W. Warren,	12	53	
9—Clarence S. Bailey,	57	05	
10—Joseph W. Fassett,	51	73	
11—Joel A. Poole,	34	54	
13—Oscar H. Bradley,	6	70	
Oscar H. Bradley, on Rindge road,	78	94	
14—Lucius A. Cutter,	5	90	
15—Henry F. Morse,	32	31	
16—Charles Nutting,	32	33	
17—William Buckwold,	14	66	
18—Isaac C. Ryan,	18	75	
19—John B. Shedd,	10	20	
John B. Shedd, putting up railing near Cheshire Factory,	28	14	
20—Oliver Bacon,	42	30	
Oliver Bacon, widening road near the Pe- boro' line,	156	18	
21—David C. Chamberlain,	20	56	
22—John Frost,	15	00	
23—Fred J. Lawrence,	19	71	
25—Samuel Hodge,	35	17	
Charles Cutter,	53	60	
Philip Peak, labor on highway, 1877,	28	03	
M. M. Bascom,	1	00	
Milton W. Armstrong, hauling stone posts for railings,	10	25	
Solomon Garfield, labor on the highway in 1877,	8	91	
Jonathan J. Comstock, stone posts,	8	50—	\$909 59

SCHOOL MONEY.

Dist. No. 1—Henry F. Morse,	\$126	20	
2—Charles Cutter,	600	06	
3—Charles S. Chamberlain,	113	72	
4—Addison J. Adams,	93	68	
5—Asa R. Kingsbury,	105	39	
6—Edward H. Bailey,	112	76	
7—James T. Brown,	222	39	
8—Oliver Bacon,	122	38	
9-10—John Frost,	160	39	
11—Joel Poole,	100	83	
12—Joseph W. Fassett,	88	74	
13—Benjamin F. Prescott,	84	60	
George A. Underwood (Trustee), for Co- nant High School,	40	61—	\$1971 75

ENTERTAINMENT OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Jonas Cutter,		\$26 55
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RINGING BELLS.

Paid Frank L. Smith, from Jan. 1, 1878, to Jan. 1, 1879,		\$25 00
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TAXES ABATED.

Paid L. P. Wilbur,	\$ 25	
H. K. French,	5 04	
Jonathan Page, dog tax for 1877,	1 00	
Miss Fanny Howe, over tax,	12 33	
Anson W. Jewett, "	2 05	
V. D. Shattuck, "	2 74	
Orlando Cragin, "	32	
Moses Eaton "	13 12	
Lucy and Eliza Parker,	1 37	
John H. Fox, poll tax,	1 17	
Albert L. Towne, dog tax,	1 00	
C. H. Powers, treasurer, tax on J. L. Bolster place,	2 74	
W. Jones, over tax on Jones place,	1 96—	\$45 09

SHEEP DAMAGE BY DOGS.

Paid Joseph Haskell,	\$ 9 00	
Joseph W. Fassett,	19 00	
C. A. Spalding, administrator A. W. Spaulding estate,	15 00—	\$43 00

BOUNTY PAID ON FOXES AND HAWKS.

Paid John A. Cutter, money expended,		\$30 46
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TAXES PAID.

Paid Charles H. Powers, treasurer, County tax,	\$1483 75	
" " " " " " State tax,	1844 00—	\$3327 75

OVERSEER OF POOR.

Paid Franklin H. Cutter,		\$405 00
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INTEREST ON TOWN BONDS.

Paid Charles H. Powers, treasurer,		\$1113 00
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POLICE.

Paid Nahum W. Mower, services for 1878,	\$5 00	
Frank H. Coburn,	2 50—	\$7 50

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid M. M. Bascom, chief engineer, engine men,	\$169 58	
Stewards,	12 75	
Stephen B. Fiske, alcohol for engine,	9 52	
M. M. Bascom, insuring engine house and engine,	9 00—	\$200 85

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid George L. Rice, sawing and putting in wood for town house,	\$ 1 50	
Joseph P. Frost, blank book for use of town, and binding Pamphlet Laws,	12 00	
Farnum & Scott, printing town reports, invoices, and check lists,	88 50	
B. F. Lawrence, labor in cemetery and on hearse house at Jaffrey Centre,	11 58	
D. E. Bradley, printing police notices,	1 00	
J. H. Steele, blank books,	5 00	
Wm. B. Robbins, money voted by the town to pay expenses on Decoration Day,	30 00	
C. S. Chamberlain, damage to wagon through defect in highway,	3 00	
John A. Cutter, painting bell deck on town house,	5 00	
J. C. McCarthy, public watering place,	3 00	
Joseph P. Frost, recording births and deaths, horse hire, stationery, notifying jurors, &c.,	8 48	
Joseph Smith, public watering place for 1878,	3 00	
Joseph Smith, repairs on town house,	3 29	
Joseph A. Thayer, boarding George B. Haggett from Nov. 27, 1877, to Feb. 12, 1878,	54 00	
N. W. Mower, repairs on lobby, and cutting brush in cemetery,	3 25	
Charles H. Powers, in law suit between town of Jaffrey and Merrimac Co., in Kate Warren case,	206 14	
Chas. H. Powers, attorney fees in Kate Warren case,	147 60	
O. H. Bradley, services and expenses as committee on Conant Indigent Insane Fund,	10 00	
C. S. Bailey, expenses to Peterboro', stationery, postage, &c.,	2 03	
John A. Cutter, stationery, postage, and lock for town house,	1 54	
C. H. Powers, printing blank tax receipts, publishing non-resident tax, postage and stationery,	27 45	
James H. Little, books furnished scholars, school notices, postage and stationery,	9 22	
O. H. Bradley, services rendered George B. Haggett in 1877,	9 00	
B. W. Sanborn, check lists and warrants,	99	
White Bros., pipe for railing,	3 11	
George A. Underwood, money voted by town for Conant High School Fund,	28 27	
Notes and interest paid,	2564 52—	\$3242 47

RECAPITULATION.

Town Officers.....	\$ 427 74
Breaking Roads.....	452 32
Highways and Bridges.....	909 59
School Money.....	1971 75
Entertainment of Town Officers.....	26 55
Ringing Bell.....	25 00
Taxes Abated.....	45 09
Sheep Damage by Dogs.....	43 00
Bounty on Foxes and Hawks.....	30 46
Taxes Paid.....	3327 75

Overseer of Poor.....	405 00
Interest on Town Bonds.....	1113 00
Police.....	7 50
Fire Department.....	200 85
Miscellaneous	3242 47
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	\$12228 07

Amount of 167 orders drawn by the Selectmen during the
year ending March 1, 1879,.....\$12228 07

CLARENCE S. BAILEY, } Selectmen
JOHN A. CUTTER. } of
O. H. BRADLEY, } Jaffrey.

LITERARY FUND.

	Principal.	Int. paid
Mortgage and note signed by J. R. Stanley, dated Jan. 1, 1878	\$ 250 00	\$15 00
Mortgage and note signed by Christina Barten- back, dated Aug. 22, 1878,	250 00	*30 05
Mortgage and note signed by J. M. Darling, dated Dec. 18, 1878,	†220 00	
Mortgage and note signed by J. W. Mann, dated Jan. 1, 1878,	226 00	13 56
Mortgage and note signed by E. H. Bailey, dated May 3, 1867,	150 00	9 00
Bolster Place (near Troy), valued at	†150 00	4 50
Note signed by Oliver Bacon, dated Dec. 30, 1875,	27 00	1 62
Two shares Monadnock National Bank,	200 00	20 00
Town of Jaffrey Bonds,	1000 00	60 00
State of New Hampshire Bonds,	700 00	42 00
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	\$3173 00	\$195 73
Amount due the Town Treasury, as per last year's report,	\$128 36	
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	\$3044 64	

*Including \$4.89 of the principal. †Increased \$20.00 by accrued interest. ‡Reduced \$50.00 from mortgage as reported last year.

Jaffrey, March 1, 1879.

C. H. POWERS, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.	
To cash on hand as per last report,	\$ 176 42
To cash of Selectmen (borrowed),	2500 00
Mrs. Haradon (refunded),	15 00
Annie M. Donovan on Robb farm note,	93 53
" " " interest on do.,	24 47
Principal of Conant repairing fund,	150 00
For interest on Conant repairing fund,	42 60
" " " Literary Fund,	195 73
" " " One share R. R. Stock,	10 00
" " " Outstanding taxes,	12 13
For Grass sold on Bolster place,	5 00
State Treasurer for Savings Bank tax,	2190 18
" " " Literary Fund,	99 16
" " " R. R. Tax	13 06
" " " Insurance tax,	3 75
For outstanding taxes of 1876,	10 57
" " " 1877,	466 12
For taxes of 1878,	7063 43
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	\$13071 15

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By 167 orders drawn by Selectmen,	\$12228 07
Deposited in the Monadnock Savings Bank to the credit of Conant rep. fund,	500 00
Cash on hand,	343 08
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	\$13071 15

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

*Outstanding town bonds,	\$18900 00
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ASSETS.	
Literary Fund,	\$3044 64
One share Bank Stock,	100 00
Annie M. Donovan's note secured by mortgage on Robb farm,	314 25
Conant repairing fund,	1000 00
Due from the Literary Fund,	128 36
Cash on hand,	343 08
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	\$4930 33

OUTSTANDING TAXES.

Outstanding taxes for 1875,	\$ 93 05
" " " 1876,	83 99
" " " 1877,	103 70
" " " 1878,	437 79

*Reduced \$1200 by destruction of Town Bonds by Selectmen, authorized by vote of town at last annual meeting.

C. H. POWERS, Treasurer.

We the undersigned, have examined the reports of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Treasurer of the Literary Fund, Overseer of the Poor, and the report and securities of the Trustees of the Conant Indigent Poor Fund, and find them fully vouched and correctly cast.

BENJAMIN PIERCE, }
GEO. A. UNDERWOOD. } Auditors.

Jaffrey, March 1, 1879.

LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT.

March 1, 1878, amount of goods on hand,	\$103 55
Amount of goods bought,	539 92
Amount of goods sold,	696 27
March 1, 1879, amount of goods on hand,	86 45

S. B. FISKE, Agent.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

We have but two alarms of fire to report for the year when the engine was called out.

The first occurred on Friday, Oct. 11, at 1:30 o'clock p. m., when fire was discovered in the attic of one of Messrs. White Brothers' tenement houses. The engine was promptly placed and put to work, but by the time water was forced through the hose the fire had been extinguished by water from the force pump of Messrs. White Brothers. The fire originated in a feather bed. Slight damage by smoke and water to the building.

The second alarm was caused by the burning out of a chimney in the house of Mr. M. Donally, in the southerly part of the town. The engine was started for the fire, when word came that the fire was extinguished.

There was a slight fire in the attic of Mr. F. F. Morse's house, near the village of Squantum, earlier in the season. No general alarm was given.

The expenses of the Fire Department are very light. \$195.45 covers all expenditures, which includes the pay of firemen, insurance on engine and engine house, the pay of stewards and supplies.

The engine and appurtenances are in excellent repair.

M. M. BASCOM, Chief Engineer of Jaffrey.

